

# BULLETIN

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**Meetings:**

Held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month (except January) commencing at 7.45 pm at the St Luke's Community Hall – corner Arden St. & Varna St. Clovelly. **We have an orchid show of member's orchids every month . VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.**

**Next Meeting:**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016** at 7:45 pm

**Membership fees:**

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP : Single \$12.00 Family \$16.00

**Guest Speaker:**

Irene Bodell will be giving a presentation of the prestigious Ira Butler Awards.

**Minutes of December 2015 Meeting**

**Chaired by Vice President Chris Dalrymple.**

**1 APOLOGIES**, Jap, S and L Black, J McCauley, M Morrow, G.Mertz, B. Finklestein, D and B Danon, F Baxter

**2 WELCOME NEW MEMBER** Jill O'Brien. We hope you enjoy and benefit from your Society.

**3 MINUTES LAST MEETING** The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on Monday 15 February 2016 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

**4 CORRESPONDENCE** Members were notified by the Secretary Helen Mason of:  
a) Castle Hill International Orchid Fair on 15-16 April  
b) Singapore Orchid Show Tour on 22-26 July.  
c) Orchids for sale by Steve Monkhouse (SA) and DownUnder Native Orchids, Newcastle  
Helen tabled Bulletins from other Orchid Societies and requested any members interested in receiving them by email, to let her know.

**5 ESOS DISPLAY** Members were notified that the next ESOS Show will be held on 30-31 July at Flower Power, located at 84A Wentworth Ave Mascot, in an outside covered corner. Cold sensitive plants to be held overnight in the locked

office. Gavin, Helen and Shannon to confirm display requirements with CEO, David.

**6 SOS DISPLAY:** The President Chris Dalrymple noted that he would attend the SOS Committee meeting on 22 March with D Bullock. Draft PR fliers to be tabled for comment. SOS Show is on 7-9 October at Carlingbah High School hall.

**7 PRESENTATION** Chin Wong gave a demonstration of potting a Cymbidium and a talk on potting a Dendrobium speciosum.

**8 GUEST SPEAKERS** The President Chris Dalrymple sought suggestions for future speakers and topics for members. He suggested the AOC, and Irene Boddell to outline the Ira Butler Award. Helen suggested "how to grow" orchid experts as well as a travel agent offering trips to Orchid Shows overseas or interstate.

**9 BULLETIN** Chris Dalrymple thanked Warleiti Jap for preparing an excellent Bulletin. It was noted that the Bulletin required more contributions by members. It must be sent out a week before the monthly meeting so that members receiving it by post get adequate warning of the meeting. Herbert Chen requested a frog rearing article.

**10 OTHER BUSINESS**

Members agreed to support the purchase by Chris of bulk buy high potassium fertiliser (for

flowering), as well as sphagnum moss. Eco-Oil is \$13/litre.

**11 CATERING** Those who organised refreshments and catering were thanked. Liz Pinczewski volunteered to assist Cathy Starrett with catering each month.

**11 PLANT OF THE EVENING** The plant of the night, *Prosthechea cochleata* grown by Mira Kostic, and the members choice, *Catt.* unknown was grown by Herbert Chen. Chris Dalrymple reviewed all plants tabled, discussing potting mediums and growth needs.

**12 RAFFLE AND CLOSING** The raffle (3 for \$1) was drawn and winners chose their plants. The meeting closed at 9pm. Next meeting is on 18 April.

#### **BENCHING PLANTS at Monthly meetings.**

When you arrive, you need to book your plants in so that they are accurately recorded for scoring purposes.

On the booking-in sheet you need to write your name in the left column, record the total number of plants and then tick each class column in which you are entering a plant. For each plant you then need to complete a plant slip showing plant name, class and your name and place it on the bench with your plant. **PLEASE FILL IN THE CARDS CORRECTLY**

**Finally you need to sign the attendance book for insurance purposes.** Thank you. *Chris*

**BULLETIN** The Editor and ESOS have received praise from other Societies on the content and quality of the ESOS Bulletin compared with certain larger Societies. Congratulations to Warleiti and those who support her in this endeavour.

In order to maintain this; please support Warleiti by assisting with any snippet of information, articles or even suggestions as to what you would like to see in it. Even a bit of humour wouldn't go astray.

#### **FOR YOUR ORCHID DIARY :**

**International Orchid Fair**

15-16 April, Castle Hill

**Orchids Out West**

13-15 May, Hawkesbury Racecourse

**Mingara Orchid Fair & Show**

25-26 June, Mingara

**Tinonee Orchids Open Day**

9-10 July, 768 Tinonee Rd Tinonee

**National Orchid Extravaganza**

5-7 August, Dural

**St.Ives Orchid Fair**

19-21 August, St Ives Showground

Meeting Photographs taken by Chris



#### **Plant of the Evening:**

A Novice Grower, Mira Kostic won the plant of the evening prize with this *Prosthechea cochleata*. Congratulations Mira.

*Prosthechea cochleata* comes from South America and the Caribbean growing on mountain slopes up to 2000 metres elevation. It grows cool to intermediate in the Eastern Suburbs in dappled to bright indirect light.



*Prosthechea cochleata* Grown by Mira Kostic



### PLANT NAMES

**Mira Kostic**, Your *Encyclia cochleata* is now named ***Prosthechea cochleata***.

**Gavin Curtis, Buda Ivanisevic** Your *Miltonia* Aztec plants are now ***Bratonia Aztec*** (*Bratonia* Cartagena x *Miltonia* Minas Gerais)

**Herbert**, Your *Dendrobium* Soft Mirage does not appear in the RHS records or other records. I suggest that you check the spelling of the label or contact the supplier of the orchid. In the meantime it should be benched as ***Dendrobium* hybrid "Unknown"**

**Herbert Chen**, The intergeneric hybrid genus *Potinara* no longer exists and has been incorporated under other *Laeliniiae* hybrid genera. The Grex: Jim Nikou does not appear in the RHS records or other records. I suggest that you check the spelling of the label or contact the supplier of the orchid. In the meantime it should be benched as ***Laeliniiae* hybrid "Unknown"**

**Herbert**, Your *Dendrobium* Aree Dang is probably ***Dendrobium* Aridang Green 'Apple'**.



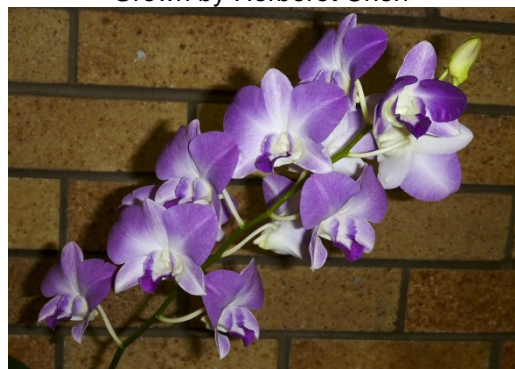
A lovely *Bratonia Aztec* grown by Buda Ivanisevic



A very nice intermediate *Dendrobium* believed to be *Den. Aridang Green 'Apple'* grown by Herbert Chen



*Laeliniiae* hybrid 'Unknown'  
Grown by Herbert Chen



*Phalaenopsis* unknown Grown by Herbert Chen

## SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW

Congratulations to Gavin who was one of the few people to support the Sydney Royal Easter Show, Orchid section and win prizes. Perhaps next year a few more ESOS members would make an effort.



## SPECIAL NOTICE

I have been requested to mention that at the last two meetings the number of plants benched is very poor. Yes we know that this is not the peak season, but to maintain interest we need plants. It doesn't matter how well you grow them, as long as they are not infested with bugs or viruses, bring them along. If your plants look as though they need some TLC then advice can be sought from the more experienced growers amongst us. That way we can all learn from each other. *Editor*

## OPEN RESULTS OF MARCH MEETING

CLASS		PLANT	Exhibitor
Miscellaneous	1	<i>Zygopetalum</i> Unknown	G. Curtis
	2		
	3		
Oncidiinae	1	<i>Bratonia</i> Aztec	G. Curtis
	2	Unknown	G. Curtis
	3	Unknown	G. Curtis
Phalaenopsis	1	Unknown	G. Curtis
	2		
	3		

## NOVICE RESULTS OF MARCH MEETING

CLASS		PLANT	Exhibitor
Cattleyas	1	<i>Laeliinae</i> Unknown	H. Chen
	2	<i>Laeliinae</i> Unknown	H. Chen
	3		
Dendrobium	1	Aridang Green 'Apple'	H. Chen
	2	Unknown	H. Chen
	3		
Oncidiinae	1	<i>Bratonia</i> Aztec	B. Ivanisevic
	2		
	3		
Species	1	<i>Prosthechea cochleata</i>	Mira Kostic
	2		
	3		

## Humour



Q. What is a weed?

A. A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows.

## Floral Tribute

Man to florist: 'I'd like a bunch of flowers, please.'

Florist: 'Certainly, sir. What flowers would you like?'

Man: 'Er.. I'm not sure...Ummm..'

Florist: 'Let me help you, sir - what exactly have you done?'

Michael O'Leary was waiting at the bus stop with his friend, Paddy Maguire, when a lorry went by loaded up with rolls of turf.

O'Leary opined, 'I'm gonna do that when I win the lottery, Maguire.'

'What's that, Michael?' responds his mate.

'Send me lawn away to be cut,' concludes O'Leary.

Did you hear about the successful Bonsai grower who had to move house for a smaller garden

## GARDENING RULE

When weeding, the best way to tell if it is a weed or a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, you know it is a valuable plant.

## QUESTION:

Have any members ever used Hydrogen Peroxide as a fungicide and pest eliminator? If so how and why, and what were the results?

Please send answers to the Editor:

## Reminders

Don't forget to assist in packing up the chairs and benches after hall meetings.

Don't forget to send your articles and snippets of information, humour, etc. Tell us about your successes and failures so that we can all learn. We won't laugh....Snicker!!

Don't forget to make yourselves known to new members and make them feel welcome. Maybe you have a friend that might like to come along for the evening.

Keep safe and stay happy.